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MEMORANDUM

TO: LAW FACULTY
FROM: ROBERT J. DESIDERIO, DEAN
DATE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2000
SUBJECT: FACULTY MEETING

**Faculty Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, September 19, 2000
Room 2406
4:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of Minutes of August 29, 2000 Faculty Meeting
2. Dean's Report
3. Placement Update – Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd
4. Self-Study Committee Report – Professors Antoinette Sedillo Lopez and Chris Fritz
5. Election of Law School Representative to the AALS House of Representatives
6. John Doe Fellowship – Professor Ted Occhialino (Action Item)
7. Order of the Coif – Dr. Pat Trainor
8. New Business

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September 19, 2000

Faculty Meeting Minutes
School of Law
Room 2406, 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Baum, Bobroff, Browde, Burr, Canova, Cruz, Desiderio, Fritz, Gill, Gonzales, Hart, Lopez, Martin, Martinez, Mathewson, Montoya-Lewis, Moore, Norwood, Rapaport, Romero, Winograd

Student Representatives: Charles Lakins, Bryan Davis

Others: Jason Bousliman, Brian Colón, Cedric Hay, Matt Torres

ABSENT: Blumenfeld, Ellis, Fort, Hall, Hughes, Kelly, Land, MacPherson, Occhialino, Pokorak, Valencia-Weber, Wolf

Dean Robert Desiderio called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

Dean Desiderio announced that the broken chairs in Room 2406 are in the process of being replaced.

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the August 29, 2000, faculty meeting were approved as distributed.

Dean's Report

Dean Desiderio reported that Professor Rob Schwartz had suffered shoulder and wrist injuries in a fall from a tandem bike in Alaska. He also reported that Professor Scott Hughes has gone into the hospital for surgery to remove an inflamed appendix. Professor Jeff Pokorak will cover Professor Hughes' classes temporarily.

Dean Desiderio announced the New Mexico State Bar's 114th Annual Convention October 5-7 in Ruidoso. He reminded the faculty of the e-mail memo he sent out, which stated the law school will pay the registration fee, mileage to and from Ruidoso, hotel charges, and per diem if mailed before September 28.

Dean Desiderio asked the faculty to let Herb Wright know of any newsworthy events at the law school. Herb will work with Public Affairs on main campus to get media coverage for the law school.

Dean Desiderio thanked Professors Tim Canova and April Land and GPSA President Brian Colón for all their hard work and effort on the 2nd Annual 5K Run for National AIDS Brigade and District Attorney Candidate Debate.

Placement Update

Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd reported that the evaluations of the Placement Director candidates were back and were relatively unenthusiastic. He feels it is best to reopen the search and to ask the University to reclassify the position to make it more attractive to candidates with a J.D. degree. This fall he will continue reviewing student resumes and providing placement advice, and he asked faculty to be available to help students in their job searches.

Dean Winograd then turned the meeting over to Jason Bousliman, Cedric Hay, and Brian Colón, who were attending the faculty meeting representing the third-year class.

Jason Bousliman stated to the faculty that the Class of 2001 is interested in jobs outside New Mexico and asked for faculty help in establishing contacts in out-of-state law firms and advice regarding other regional job opportunities.

Cedric Hay reported that he had initiated a brief e-mail survey of the third-year class, asking them if they were interested in working in-state or out-of-state, the size of firm they would prefer to work in, and how many already have jobs. Of the 48 whose responses he received, 24 wanted to stay in New Mexico, 12 wanted to stay in the southwest, and 4 said they were willing to go anywhere. Ten preferred to work in a medium to large firm and 12 preferred a small firm. Thirteen of the respondents have jobs so far.

Dean Desiderio asked for a list of the students' preferences.

Professor Jenny Moore asked the student leaders to survey the faculty as to their legal background and experience.

2L student representative Bryan Davis mentioned that perhaps parents of law students who are attorneys or judges could also be a resource for legal positions.

Professor Leo Romero asked if an interim person could be hired to coordinate these ideas. Professor Raquel Montoya-Lewis asked if perhaps a graduate student in Human Resource Management could cover the position. Dean Desiderio stated that if we can find an interim person, we will hire him or her.

Associate Dean Winograd suggested that students e-mail the faculty as to their employment interests and asked the faculty to respond immediately with any contacts they may have in the region or law firm.

Self-Study Committee Report

Professor Chris Fritz, co-chair, reported that the faculty retreat materials have been distributed in the faculty mailboxes. The goal is to come up with an idealized vision as to where the law school curriculum should be 5-10 years from now. Professor Antoinette Sedillo Lopez, co-

chair, stated that this will be a policy discussion, and that a sincere effort will be made to not get bogged down in the details. The retreat will begin Saturday at 9:00 a.m. sharp. It will follow a town hall meeting format, with a plenary speaker and then breaking out into small groups.

Election of Law School Representative to the AALS House of Representatives

A nominating motion was made by Professor Antoinette Sedillo Lopez that Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd be the Law School Representative to the AALS Annual meeting. The motion was seconded by Professor Jenny Moore, and when voted on, the motion carried. Professor Sherri Burr volunteered to serve as the UNM alternate. When voted on, the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret A. Banek". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Margaret A. Banek

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